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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION JEWISH CEMETERY

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY SENATOR JAVITS, REGIONAL COUNCIL OF MISHKOLTZ (ASSUME MISKOLC) HAS DECREED THAT OLD JEWISH CEMETERY IN SATORALJAUJHELY BE DUG UP AND CEMETERY SITE BE MADE INTO A PARK. ORTHODOX SATMAR JEWISH COMMUNITY IN NEW YORK IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT DIGGING, WHICH THEY CONSIDER DESECRATION, MAY BEGIN THIS WEEK AND PERHAPS HAS ALREADY BEGUN, AND HAD MADE URGENT APPEAL TO SENATOR ACCORDINGLY.

2. SENATOR ASKS THAT EMBASSY TAKE UP MATTER SOONEST, AND THAT IF FACTS ARE AS STATED, HUNGARIANS BE REQUESTED TO HOLD OFF CARRYING OUT REGIONAL COUNCIL DECISION UNTIL ANOTHER SOLUTION CAN BE WORKED OUT. SATMAR COUNCIL IN NEW YORK IS, FOR EXAMPLE, PREPARED TO PAY COSTS OF BEAUTIFICATION OF CEMETERY TO BRING IT INTO ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN PLANNING. THEY ARE ASKING THAT GRAVES BE LEFT UNMOLESTED AND THAT ALTERNATIVES BE EXPLORED.

3. REQUEST REPORT SOONEST. INGERSOLL

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